

**Vaccine Advisory Committee
Washington State Department of Health
Membership Policy
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Policy:

Members sit on the Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) for a five-year term with the option to extend one more term, for a total of ten years.

Organizations represented on the VAC have the option to extend their representatives' terms beyond the two five-year terms.

For organizations and entities that have multiple members on the VAC, terms will be staggered to avoid all representatives leaving their positions simultaneously.

Additionally, the Washington State Health Officer, who chairs the committee, appoints consultants representing private pediatric practice, the Children's Hospital, and Group Health. Consultants do not have defined terms of membership.

Representation:

The following professional organizations, government agencies, and entities provide representation to the VAC:

- Managed Care Organization (1 representative)
- State Agency Medical Directors (2 representatives)
- Washington State Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (1 representative)
- Naturopathy (1 representative)
- Washington Academy of Family Physicians (2 representatives)
- Washington State Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (2 representatives)
- Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (4 representatives)
- Public Health Nursing Directors (1 representative)
- Public Health Seattle King County (1 representative)
- Internal Medicine (1 representative)